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In re Application of :
Jorn Maeritz :
Application No. 10/706,612 : LETTER REGARDING
Filed: November 12, 2003 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Attorney Docket No. 10808/112 :

This is in response to the REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT filed October 30, 2007. Applicant discloses that the patent term adjustment (PTA) indicated on the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment may extend the term of this patent by too many days.

The request for review of the patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is TEN (10) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On July 31, 2007, the Office mailed a Notice of Allowance with the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 65 days. Applicant does not state a basis for their disclosure that the patent term adjustment may be in error.

Nonetheless, a review of the application history confirms that additional periods of reduction should have been entered pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.704(b) and 1.704(c)(10). First, of all, applicant did not file the Issue fee payment in response to the first Notice of Allowance mailed February 7, 2007, until May 8, 2007¹. Accordingly, a period of reduction of 1 day should have been entered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Moreover, after the mailing of the first Notice of Allowance on February 7, 2007, on June 8, 2007, applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and IDS (and petition to withdraw from issue). Prior to filing the RCE, applicant paid the Issue Fee. As discussed above, this set the calculation of the period of reduction pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b), if any, for applicant delay. The filing of the RCE and IDS after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance constituted a failure to engage pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10). This period is 54 days, counting the number of days in the period beginning on June 8, 2007, the date of filing of the RCE and IDS and ending on July 31, 2007, the date of mailing of the new Notice of Allowance in response.

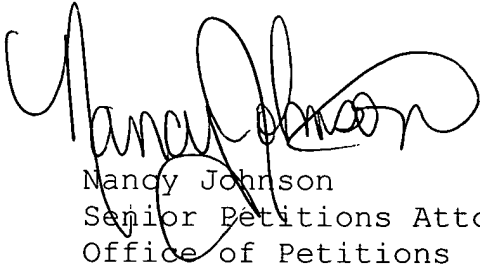
In view thereof, the correct patent term adjustment at the time of mailing of the second Notice of Allowance is TEN (10) days.

As this letter was submitted to advise the Office of an error in applicant's, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicant for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The application is being forwarded to the Publications Division for issuance of a patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

¹ The Issue Fee payment was timely by virtue of a certificate of mailing dated May 4, 2007. It is noted that "[t]he date indicated on any certificate of mailing or transmission under § 1.8 shall not be taken into account in this calculation" of patent term adjustment.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Nancy Johnson
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Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Copy of REVISED PALM screen

PTA Calculations for Application: 10/706612

Application Filing Date:	11/12/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	192
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
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